

COIN COUNTER/SORTER AND COUPON/VOUCHER  
DISPENSING MACHINE AND METHOD

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5       A coin sorting and counting machine and a method for  
operating it to automatically dispense cash vouchers based on  
the value of the counted coins, manufacturers' coupons and  
store coupons. Coins are placed in a hopper tray angled  
downward from the horizontal. When the hinged tray is lifted,  
10      the coins travel over a peak structure, through a waste  
management system and into the coin sorting and counting  
apparatus. The value of the coins and the number of coins  
within each denomination are displayed as the coins are  
counted. The coins fall into a storage area and the user is  
15      issued a cash voucher and a series of manufacturer coupons.